of seniority and other service matters, the Government had to evolve the general principles to be adopted for integration of the services and the Public Service Commission had also to be consulted. The general principles have been tentatively decided upon and necessary orders have been issued to Heads of Departments to proceed with the integration of services under their control".

ASSIGNMENT OF LAND FOR CULTIVATION

*289 [5] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Land be pleased to state the area allotted and cultivated in each of:—

(*a*) the Vandanmettu land colonisation scheme ;

(*b*) the Devicolam Reclamation scheme ;

(*c*) the Kunnathukal Reclamation scheme; and

(*d*) the Vaisserikandam Reclamation scheme, during the period March to September 1950 ?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John)** The answer is not ready.

LAND TAX

*290 [6] **Sri. A. M. Thomas :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:—

(*a*) has the Government taken any steps in the matter of introducing uniformity with regard to Land Tax in the State; and

(*b*) does the Government contemplate to introduce legislation with regard to this matter in the near future ?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):** (*a*) and (*b*)Necessary steps will be taken on the receipt ofthe Land Committee's report.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: ലാൻഡ് കമ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോർട്ട് വരുമെന്നതിനെ കുറിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ശ്രീ. എ. ജെ. ജോൺ: റിപ്പോർട്ട് ഈ അടുത്ത ദിവസം കിട്ടിട്ടുതായിട്ട് അറിയാം. വരുമെൻറിൽ കുറിയോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

COURT FEE STAMPS

*291 [7] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Mlnister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is the Government aware of the difficulties and consequent loss experienced by the litigant public for lack of court fee stamps of the requisite value ; and

(*b*) why has the Government not taken the necessary steps in this direction in spite of the assurances given in the last session of the Assembly ?

Minister for Finance and Reveue **(Sri. A. J. John) :**

(*a*) There have been some complaints regarding the shortage of court fee stamps in the lower denomination—8 anna stamps, 4 anna stamps, half anna stamps and copying papers. This was mostly due to the delay in getting the water-mark papers from mills at Calcutta due to the shortge of railway waggons. After repeated requests made to the railway authorities at Calcutta, it has been possible to get one waggon-load of papers and the folllowing stamps have been ready printed and supplied.

8 anna stamps	..	69,120
2 anna stamps	..	1,08,000
4 anna stamps	..	1,50,000
½ anna copying paper	..	24,962

It is expected that regular supply would be possible hereafter.

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